GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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STUDY AND COLLECTION OF INDIAN MEDICINES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up any Organisation to collect all potential native medicines and herbal remedies through a country-wide programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which Indian remedy system has been mapped out; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to establish more facilities in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) : The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS) and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM),autonomous organizations fully funded by the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy have been documenting tribal and folk knowledge relating to the medicinal use of plants. The CCRAS collected 6000 folklore claims out of which it has published information on 2600 folklores. The CCRUM has collected 6500 folklore claims.

(c) & (d) : So far such claims have been collected from Sixteen States.This is an on-going programme which seeks to document information on folklores not so far documented.